Recruitment rules in MES

1546. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for regulating methods of recruitment to various civilian posts, recruitment rules are required to be framed/followed;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that recruitment rules to various posts have either not been framed at all or have not been reviewed periodically in the MES;

(c) if so, the details of recruitment rules which are awaiting framing/ review for incorporating recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government to update/frame such rules within a time bound limit?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Recruitment Rules exist for all the posts in Military Engineering Service except for the post of Assistant Architect Grade-I. These are periodically reviewed as and when required. Details as asked for are placed at enclosed. Statement (*see* below).

(d) Action for updating/framing of Recruitment Rules has already been initiated. The recruitment rules or amendments(s) thereto, as finally approved by Department of Personnel&Training/Union Public Service Commission, are notified within a period of 10 weeks from the date of receipt of their advice letter.

Statement

The details of recruitment rules awaiting framing/review for incorporating recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission are as under:

New Rules to be framed:

(i) Assistant Architect Grade-I in the pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000.

Under Review:

(i) Recruitment Rules for Highly Skilled Grade in various industrial categories.

(ii) Recruitment Rules of Chief Draughtsman and Technical Officer to account for merger of these two categories.

(iii) Recruitment Rules for Assistant Engineer (Civil), Assistant Engineer (Electrical & Mechanical) and Assistant Engineer (Quantity Surveying & Contract).

(iv) Recruitment Rules for Administrative Cadre subject to merger of Administrative Officer-I and Administrative Officer-II.

(v) Recruitment Rules for Group 'C' Industrial (39 categories) and Military Truck drivers.

Decline in Sikh personnel Joining the Armed Forces

1547. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a steep decline of personnel belonging to Sikh community in all the three wings of armed forces;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Every citizen of the country irrespective of their caste, religion and domicile is eligible for recruitment in the armed forces provided he meets the laid down physical, educational, medical and other criteria where specified.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Joint defence exercises

1548. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning any more two-nation joint defence